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Estates Land Act

Amending Bill to the Estates Land Act.

* 1463 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the opinion of the Board of Revenue upon the draft Bill to amend the Estates Land Act;

(b) whether they have considered the Bill in the light of the Board's remarks; and

(c) whether they propose to take steps to introduce the Bill in the January sitting of the Legislative Council?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 1247-A.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether Government will place on the table of the House the draft Bill of the Government together with the opinion of the Board of Revenue sought for?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"As soon as the draft Bill is ready, it will be published."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"As at present advised, may I know when the Bill will be ready for publication?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"As Government are now busy with the budget, they expect it to be ready in April."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, whether the draft Bill is not yet ready? For, clause (a) says the draft Bill has been sent to the Board of Revenue for opinion. I want to know whether that draft Bill has not been considered yet together with the opinion of the Board of Revenue?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir, the Government have not considered it yet."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government hope to be able to introduce this Bill during the lifetime of this Council?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Yes, Sir."

Irrigation

Extent of land to be irrigated by the Tungabhadra Project.

* 1464 Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to the Tungabhadra Project—

(a) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to ascertain districtwar the extent of land that would likely be brought under irrigable wet ayacut under the Tungabhadra canal when the project is completed;

(b) how many districts as at present outlined the contemplated canal has to irrigate, and what they are;

(c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to ascertain in consultation with the ryots and in consultation with the agricultural authorities in each district the probable maximum and minimum water-rates for the single and double crop wet cultivation in the area to be irrigated by the contemplated Tungabhadra canal;